

over to the dressing station of the Second Battalion to assist in the evacuation of the wounded.

The Second Battalion (center battalion) P. C. was located in a pile of ruins on the north edge of Moranville, with telegraphic communication back with regimental P. C. This was the only telephonic communication to the rear at this time, 8:50 a. m., the First and Third Battalion P. C.'s having moved forward and having no wire with which to carry forward their lines. The advance message center was accordingly located with the Second Battalion P. C., at 9 a. m.

From this point the Advance Message Center was in telephonic communication with the regimental P. C., and there was a good runner communication to the First and Third Battalions and with the companies of the 322d Infantry. The battalions were immediately notified of the establishment of the Advance Message Center and were directed to send all reports to it. From here they were relayed to the regimental P. C., by telephone and by runner. The most important messages transmitted in this way appear in the Appendix.

The Advance Message Center was able to co-ordinate the liaison of the whole battle front of the regiment, and was in touch with every forward unit of the command at all times. It was able to transmit orders and information from the regimental P. C. to forward units